

In re Application of OJANEN)
Serial No. 09/838,348)
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DISCUSSION

Introduction

Applicant submits that the claims as on appeal satisfied the requirements of 35 USC §112 ¶2nd. However, in light of the issuance of non-final office action instead of filing a Examiner's Answer and a desire to expedite the issuance of the patent, applicant has amended the claims to address the Primary Examiner's comments. Applicant's comments now follow.

Applicants' Comments

The Primary Examiner's comments pertain to an alleged lack of antecedent basis for the terms "retainer" and "dimple". Applicant has amended the claims so that if there is an earlier reference to a "retainer sleeve", the later occurrences recite a "retainer sleeve". Applicant refers the Primary Examiner to claims 15 (five occurrences of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 29 (three occurrences of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 32 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 34 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 36 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 38 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 39 (three occurrences of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 40 (three occurrences of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 43 (four occurrences of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 44 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", 46 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve", and 47 (one occurrence of "retainer" changed to "retainer sleeve".

In regard to the "dimple" issue, applicant has deleted the initial text of "at least one" and replaced it with "a". In this regard, applicant refers the Primary Examiner to claims 15, 29, 39, and 40. Applicant submits that this amendment should clear up any alleged lack of clarity connected with the term "dimples".

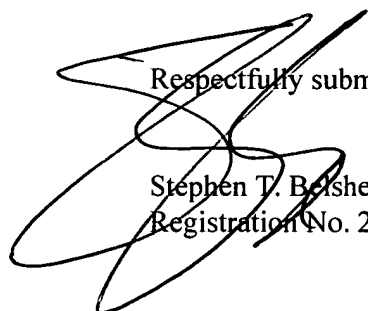
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Should the Primary Examiner have any questions, applicant urges the Primary Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney or Mr. Matthew Smith, Esq. at Kennametal Inc. (724-539-3848). Applicant looks forward to receipt of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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